

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-18, and 20-24 have been canceled, and Claims 7, 19, and 25-28 remain in the application. Applicants request reconsideration of the Examiner's objection to Claims 7 and 19, which are dependent upon rejected base claims. Claims 25-28 have been allowed.

Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of the rejected Claims 2 and 6. Similarly, Claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of the rejected Claim 18. These amendments were made as a matter of form to present the actual text of subject matter included in the original claims by virtue of their dependency from preceding claims. Claims 25 and 27 were previously amended to correct informalities due to typographical errors. The amendments to Claims 7, 19, and 25-27 surrendered no subject matter, and the claims were not narrowed by these amendments.

The Specification has been amended so that the descriptive matter in the section entitled "BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION" is in harmony with the claims as currently presented and amended (MPEP 1302.01). In addition, the original Abstract has been replaced with a new Abstract to reflect the current claims. No objectionable new matter has been added in these amendments.

In view of the amendments and remarks presented above, Applicants request a timely Notice of Allowance for Claims 7, 19, and 25-28.

Respectfully submitted,



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